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OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL REUNION. 1<sup>st</sup> 1889

87TH REGIMENT NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS.

AT THE HOME OF

GEN. E. BURD GRUBB.

Edgewater Park, New Jersey, September 12th, 1889.





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37TH REGIMENT N. J. VOLS., 3D DIVISION, 10TH ARMY CORPS.

MAJ. GEN. D. B. BIRNEY.

COMMANDER.



*Extracts from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting.*

Sept. 12th, 1889.—“On motion duly made and carried, by a rising vote, the thanks of the Association was tendered to “Our Col.” Gen. E. Burd Grubb, for the generous manifestation of his hospitality, as enjoyed by us to-day. The Gen. acknowledged the vote, in an eloquent speech, in closing which, he again extended an invitation to the Association to hold their next reunion June 23d, 1890, at Edgewater Park; to which Lester D. Ward, Pres’t, replied to the speech of the General, acknowledging his generous invitation for next year, and accepting the same.”





Volunteers in 1864, under a special call by President Abraham Lincoln.

These are respectfully dedicated by the Author, to our christian Soldier and Patriot

MAJOR JOHN DANFORD.

Extracts from Minutes.—“The Association then enjoyed themselves in general speech making and singing which brought out the talents of the several members, during which the poetical talent of Comrade ——— became so prominent, that on motion duly carried, the Office of Poet was created, and Comrade ——— was by acclamation elected thereto.”  
\* \* \* In accordance with which, the Author apologizes for the infliction of the following stanzas—in his attempt to do his duty as commissioned.



COLONEL GRUBB'S—1864—"CHICKENS".

I.

Our honoured Chieftain, the sons of freemen,  
Called to arms; for rebellion long had sought  
By traitors, to part our glorious Union;  
A "*line*",\* 'twixt North and South; for this they fought.

II.

Treasure and carnage, sapped our homes, our land;  
Unholy strife,—where sons, and sires, and brothers—  
Of blood, of courage equal, hand 'gainst hand,  
Did battle; and vile tongues did rate each other.

\* See note on stanza XVII.



RENDEZVOUS and SERVICE.

Camp Frelinghuysen, Newark, N. J.

.. ————— Beverly, N. J.

.. Delaware, Trenton, N. J.

PHILADELPHIA,

BALTIMORE,

FORTRESS MONROE,

\* \* \* \* \*



III.

Sorrow and mourning, worse than Pharoah's time,  
O'erspread a pall throughout the land; and wife,  
Mother, sisters grieved—that, in manhood's prime,  
Should be struck off,—their loves, support and life.

IV.

Loyalty wavered! and courage failed the hearts  
Of men—the citizens: on crutches, maimed—  
In every part,—from the front the battle darts,  
Exposed on every hand, our loss;—what gained?





\* The Colonel enlisted in May, 1861, and went to the front as Sargent, Co. C, 3d N. J. Vols., and rapidly rose to 2d and 1st Lieut., serving on the staffs of Gen. G. W. Taylor and Gen. A. T. A. Torbert. Aug. 1862, receiving his commission as Capt.—and later to Major, and Lieut.-Col., and Colonel in April 1863 of the 23d Reg't N. J. Vols., and participated in all the engagements of the 1st N. J. Brigade, with the Army of the Potomac.



V.

Riot and bloodshed, pillage and arson,  
As the draft-wheels turned, to replenish the ranks,  
Fifty score—for a substitute—any sum,  
Any price for a man ; State bounty—with thanks.

VI.

Under trials like these, from the fore line  
Of war, returned\* our Colonel ; to enlist—  
A host for the fray ; and mustered in time,  
The quota of troops, the draft to avert.



REPORTING TO GENERAL

ULYSSES S. GRANT.

CITY POINT, VA.

Assigned to the Bermuda Hundreds Front

under Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Butler.

Point of Rocks, Appomattox River—Camp Dust, near the Hatches—in the rifle Pits—on Picket—Fatigue duty, throwing up batteries on the James River—Crow's Nest—Battery No. 16—opposite the confederate "Howlett House" Battery—Dutch Gap—etc., unloading commissary stores.— \* \* \* \*



## VII.

And proudly reported his men—"Chickens"  
On that "all summer line", to Ulysses.  
"Chickens"? "game chickens", to Johnny-rebs, tokens  
Of the valor, and grit—left, of the Yankees.

\* It was while reporting his Reg't, that the Colonel was jibed by the Staff officer as to the youthful appearance of his Reg't, and it was referred to as "Chickens", to which the Colonel replied, "yes, but they are 'Game' Chickens".





\* \* \* Redoubt Converse, Spring Hill, guarding the pontoon bridge on the Appomattox River—on Picket—detailed to Quarter-master Gen. Atwood—Broadway Landing, Appomattox R., unloading ammunition and siege equipments—before Petersburg—in the trenches—abreast of Fort (Hell) Sedgwick—Provost duty, Headquarters of

BRIG. GEN. WM. BIRNEY, 3rd DIVISION.

\* Authentic statistics show, from the early part of May to latter part of Oct., 1864,—the Campaign, Army of the Potomac, against Petersburg, Va., 100,000 men were lost in killed, wounded and missing.



### VIII.

Hurrah!—for our Colonel, who led his men,  
To the foe, where they gathered the thickest;  
Where the iron hail,\* in a perpetual din,  
Made a hell on earth, and life an earnest.

### IX.

For we stood abreast, of old, staunch Fort "Hell",  
Where lurking death, claimed many a comrade;  
In the whiz, and the whirl of shot, they fell—  
Patriot braves! who on their country's alter laid.



"HEAD QUARTERS 10th Army Corps, Army of the James.

Before Petersburg, Va., Sept. 25, 1864.

General Order No. 34.

The 37th Reg't N. J. Vols. on the 26th inst. will leave for Trenton, N. J., reporting to the Superintendent of the Recruiting Service of that State, to be mustered out of the Service at the expiration of its enlistment.

The Maj. Gen. commanding cannot part with this Reg't of one hundred days' men, without expressing his gratification with their conduct. They have endured fatigue, encountered the Rebel foe like good soldiers, and have gained the esteem of the veterans of this Corps. He is confident that when they return to New Jersey, a State that has furnished such men as *Kearney, Mott* and *Torbert*, they will continue to sustain the Veterans they have left in the front, doing what *Sherman* advised, 'fighting this out like men.' The Maj. Gen. Commanding will be pleased to assist the Commanding officer of this Reg't, in reorganizing it, to act in the final of this rebellion, in conjunction of this Corps.

By order of Maj. Gen. D. B. BIRNEY.

Official: Ed. N. W. SMITH, Ass't Adj't Gen.,

Quarter-master department will furnish transportation immediately."



X.

Our duty done; *Birney*\* then, in general orders—  
Praised our remnant band; and, thanked our toil,  
And veterans ranked, with *Torbert*—*Kearney*, valorous  
Sons; whose life-blood flowed, on Southern soil.

XI.

Right about! to our homes—not every man,  
Our Barlow,† and Parker‡ gloriously fell—  
Martyrs to plague; to officer others—who ran—  
The race before,—as our soldier's graves can tell.

\* See General Order No. 34.

† Lieut. Col.

‡ Parker Grubb, Adjt.—brother of \* \* \*





\* \* \* \* the Colonel, there were many deaths from Typhoid, etc. A very sad incident, that of Geo. Eronson, Co. A, of Jersey City, who died of Typhoid, and whose brother came south for his body—and with others tried to snatch his body at night, and was nearly successful, but which a violent storm made impossible; he returned to his home, and died of the same disease in two weeks, the only sons of a widowed mother. And many of the boys reenlisted in the field, and were assigned to other regiments, and did not come home with the Reg't.

\* The Colonel again went to the front with a new Reg't— the 42d, and in March, 1865, was brevetted Brigadier General of Volunteers, for meritorious service before Petersburg, Va.

† At the reunion, twenty five years after disbanding, at the invitation of the Col., among others was an ex-officer in the confederate service, who made a few remarks, and stated that to him, this reunion of the boys in blue, reminded him of one of the saddest events in his life,—



XII.

And now, our Colonel wears the well won stars,\*  
Right gracefully, and handsome, and nobly  
Stands, with the brave of our land; and his scars—  
Win him, peace-laurel-wreaths, for galantry.

XIII.

"Have peace"! the conquered foe, our steadfast friend;  
And guest, to join in tales, and merry laughter,  
At jests and tricks, of past days reminded,  
As 'round camp-fires; 'twixt intermissive slaughter.



that of having been engaged in rebellion against his own government \* \* \* and to have to hand down to his posterity that fact—and how, if by other surroundings he might have been on the *other* side, for the Union, and fighting for the dear old flag. \* \*

\* One comrade reported from Texas.

Extract from minutes:—Intermission—"At this time Gen. Grubb gave the command 'Fall in', which being promptly obeyed, he led them to the charge, and soon the abundant display of substantials for the comfort of the inner man was utterly demolished. It was very much regretted that owing to the absence of Chaplain Tuttle, the boys had to be content with 'Meat before Grace', but as a slight compensation therefor, they softly murmured thanks—afterward—though many were too full for utterance."



#### XIV.

Time moves apace! and binds in brotherhood—  
Our mutual greatness, hopes and destinies;  
One flag revere; our emblem which withstood—  
The saliant charge; or shock, on bloody seas.

#### XV.

\*Assembled here, twenty-five years later,  
A rollicking band 'round the festive board,  
To the call of the 'cock,' at Park Edgewater,  
Toasting the health of our leader, adored.





\* \* \* CITY POINT, VA.,

CAMP PARKER, TRENTON, N. J.,

DISBANDED, OCT. 4th, 1864.

The war ended April 1865.

By reconstruction the South has entered upon a new era of great prosperity, in agriculture, mining and manufacture: coping with the North in its largest industries, its mines in Alabama, equaling, if not surpassing, the mines of Pennsylvania, of iron and coal; and raw cotton is no longer "King", but spindles, loom and mill, produce fabrics for home and foreign markets; and the manufacture of steel and iron, providing the material for extensive mechanical industries. Its natural resources are opening up wealth for its people, which, with Northern capital, migration and emigration, are fast changing her customs, and bringing about, South of Mason and Dixon's line, a thrift heretofore unknown; and, by mutual interests, we are becoming a homogeneous nation, obliterating longitude and latitude—a veritable, indivisible Union.



XVI.

Hark! the reveille 'wakes the clacking mills,  
The hum of reapers, and contented strife;  
The melody of peaceful toil, which fills—  
Our land, with healthful thrills of busy life.

XVII.

For good will, hate doth recompense with love;  
And sun, and mine, with wealth our store supplies.  
To older lands convey, for human good,  
Our alms; and welcome 'neath these fairer skies.



## XVIII.

Strike hands! and circle 'round, a chain to form—  
A lifewall 'bout our Liberties; and stand!  
For *right*\* makes might; this rule can nothing harm—  
Our issue, honor, homes, or fatherland.

## XIX.

Rest ye, true and brave! 'tis your well reward;  
And let the welkin ring, to echo back—  
The harmony of voices, marching toward  
Our new possessions, that endless bivouac—

\* The Decalogue—Constitution—Union—Emancipation—Civil Equality of Races—Universal Liberty.



XX.

On the citadel, of the celestial—  
City of Peace; whose builder, and maker,  
Is the Captain of our Salvation,—al  
Hope, Faith, Love enthroned, and final Victor.

37TH REG'T'L "PORT".





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Through the efforts of J. D. Moore, Co. A, and others, a number of the Boys were assembled, and a temporary organization formed, with

LESLIE D. WARD, Co. G, President.

WM. H. LUM, Co. E, Vice-Pres.,

J. D. MOORE, Co. A, Sec'y.

And out of which came a reunion and dinner at Molter's in Newark, Jan. 10th, 1889, at which the Colonel was present, and invited guests, Gen. J. Watts Kearney, son of Maj. Gen. Phil. Kearney, and others, and from which came this Annual Reunion.



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